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SUBJ: PROPOSED VISIT AMBASSADOR IRVING TO OTTAWA

FOR OES/ASSISTANT SECRETARY IRVING

1. EXTAFF/SCI AND MSST HAVE INFORMED EMBASSY SCICOUNS THAT IF ASST. SEC. HAS NOT ALREADY RECEIVED INVITATION FROM CANADIAN EMBASSY TO VISIT OTTAWA IN FALL AT HIS CONVENIENCE, HE WILL RECEIVE THE INVITATION SHORTLY. AT TIME INVITATION IS DELIVERED, A SUGGESTED AGENDA WILL PROBABLY BE INCLUDED WITH REQUEST FOR ANY SUGGESTIONS FROM ASST. SEC. TO ACCOMMODATE HIS PERSONAL INTERESTS. EMBASSY BELIEVES VISIT WOULD BE MUTUALLY USEFUL AND, IN LINE WITH SCICOUNS/IRVING DISCUSSION DURING MAY SCI OFFICERS MEETING IN WASHINGTON, HOPES THAT ASST. SEC. WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT INVITATION.

2. IN PLANNING FOR POSSIBLE VISIT TO OTTAWA, THE ASST. SEC. MAY WISH TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INTO ACCOUNT:

A. A VISIT TO OTTAWA BY THE HEAD OF OES/SCI HAS BEEN DESIRED BY EXTAFF FOR SOME YEARS. TWICE (WHEN POLLACK RETIRED AND WHEN RAY RESIGNED) INVITATIONS WERE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING EXTENDED WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES INTERVENED  
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TO CAUSE THEM TO BE WITHHELD.

B. PRINCIPAL EXTAFF INTEREST HAS CENTERED ON THE DESIRABILITY OF OFF-THE-RECORD INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE HEAD OF A SUCCESSFUL ORGANIZATION ADDRESSING ITSELF TO FOREIGN POLICY AS IT RELATES SPECIFICALLY TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. PERSONNEL IN EXTAFF/SCI VIEWING OES FROM THEIR PERSPECTIVE HAVE FELT THAT MUCH COULD BE LEARNED FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S EXPERIENCE OVER THE YEARS WHICH LED TO THE FORMATION OF OES AND FROM THE CURRENT ORGANIZATION AND ROLE OF OES. IN PARTICULAR, SINCE THE DIRECTOR OF EXTAFF/SCI IS ONLY A BUREAU DIRECTOR, THEY HAVE BEEN ANXIOUS TO ESTABLISH A CONTACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT AT A MORE NEARLY EQUIVALENT LEVEL TO THAT OF ASST. SEC. IF PRESENT VISIT COMES ABOUT, THEY PLAN TO HAVE AMBASSADOR IRVING'S OFFICIAL EXTAFF HOST AND COUNTERPART BE AT THE ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY LEVEL, AND IT WILL BE PETER TOWE WHO SERVED IN THEIR WASHINGTON EMBASSY FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND IS WELL KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT.

C. THE SCIENCE MINISTRY (MSST) HAS ALSO DESIRED TO ESTABLISH CLOSER CONTACTS WITH OES. THANKFULLY, THE DISPUTES AND SUSPICION BETWEEN EXTAFF AND MSST WHICH CHARACTERIZED THE PERIOD OF M. SAUVE'S MINISTERSHIP HAS GREATLY EASED SINCE THE CURRENT MINISTER'S HOUSE-CLEANING. ALTHOUGH SOME FRICTION STILL REMAINS, IT WOULD BE FAIR TO SAY THAT THE TWO MINISTRIES ARE NOW SINCERELY TRYING TO EVOLVE A RATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE FOR RELATING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO FOREIGN POLICY.

D. THE MORE CORDIAL EXTAFF/MSST RELATIONSHIP OF THE DRURY/MACEACHEN REGIME WHILE A TRIBUTE TO THE MINISTERS IS ALSO A CONSIDERABLE TRIBUTE TO TWO YOUNG VIGOROUS MEN, GEORGE REJHON, ACTING DIRECTOR OF EXTAFF/SCI AND JIM MULLIN, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, MSST.

E. BOTH EXTAFF/SCI AND MSST ARE ALSO KEENLY INTERESTED IN IMPROVING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CANADIAN SCIENCE COUNSELOR CORPS.  
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3. AMONG POINTS THAT ASST. SEC. MAY ANTICIPATE CANADIANS TO RAISE ARE FOLLOWING:

A. ORGANIZATION TO COPE WITH OCEANOGRAPHIC PROBLEMS, BUT NOT RPT NOT SUBSTANCE LOS. EXTAFF AND MSST BOTH WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW OEC IS ORGANIZED ON THIS SUBJECT AND ESPECIALLY HOW OES HAS ARRANGED TO RELATE FOREIGN POLICY

TO PROGRAM AGENCY OBJECTIVES, E.G., THOSE OF NOAA,  
NSF, ETC.

B. CANADA HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY EUROPEANS TO  
BECOME FULL MEMBER IN EUROPEAN SPACE ORGANIZATION.  
EXTAFF AND MSST ARE BOTH CONCERNED ALONG WITH MINISTRY  
OF COMMUNICATIONS TO ASSURE THAT WHATEVER THEY DO  
WILL NOT JEOPARDIZE EXISTING BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP  
WITH NASA.

C. OVERALL OBJECTIVES OF OES AND ORGANIZATION TO  
MEET THOSE OBJECTIVES.

D. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION SCIENCE COUNSELOR CORPS.

4. NO DOUBT BY TIME INVITATION EXTENDED, OTHER ITMES  
WILL BE SUGGESTED FOR DISCUSSION AND ASST SEC WILL BE  
INVITED TO ADD ANY OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO HIM.

5. EMBASSY SCICOUNS WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT VISIT BE  
SCHEDULED FOR PERIOD WHEN ASST SEC CAN TAKE ENOUGH TIME  
TO COVER AGENDA AND ALSO VISIT A FEW KEY PROGRAM AGENCY  
PERSONNEL, E.G., AT AECL, EM&R, NRC, AECB, RCMP, ETC.

6. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECIEVING ASAP BIOGRAPHIC  
SKETCH ON AMBASSADOR IRVING AND THREE PHOTOGRAPHS.  
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